

## Winter Home Heating Season

According to the Energy Information Administration, per-household expenditures for heating oil in New England are expected to rise an estimated 29 to 33 percent for the 2005-2006 winter season. As a result, it will cost people in Connecticut hundreds of dollars more this year to heat their homes. This increase will especially impact low income households and the elderly whose already tight budgets will be stretched thinner.

I have long been a supporter of the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This program provides critical financial assistance to individuals and families in Connecticut to help pay their energy bills in times of high prices and emergencies. I am very concerned about the impact of high prices costs on families in Connecticut and will continue to fight to ensure this program has the funding it needs to help get them through upcoming winter.

### Correspondence

11/14/05 - Letter to the Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee urging full funding for LIHEAP

9/8/05

&ndash; Letter to President Bush urging him to release \$900 million in emergency LIHEAP funds to address high energy costs following Hurricane Katrina

9/14/05 &ndash; Letter to House and Senate

Appropriators urging an allocation of \$4 billion for LIHEAP for FY06 to address increased winter energy costs

### Additional Information

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): Program and Funding (Library of Congress)

- LIHEAP and Residential Energy Costs (Library of Congress)

- Short Term Energy Outlook (Energy Information Administration)

- Partnerships for Home Energy Efficiency (Department of Energy)

- Energy  
Savers: Tips on Saving Energy & Money at Home (Department of  
Energy)  
Connecticut  
Energy Assistance Program (CT Department of Social Services)